



Weekly Information & Communication



Monthly WIC Newsletter

October 17, 2016

WIC Shopper/Smart Training

November 3rd at 9AM, we will be covering the new apps that will be introduced into WIC. One is WIC Shopper, which will be great for looking up local stores, getting recipes, etc. The second is WIC Smart which will be the online education app. This will be a great opportunity to learn about these great resources that will be used in WIC. If you have any questions before the training please contact [Lacy](#) or [Alex](#) at the state office.

One Call Now Webinar

On **October 18th at 10 am**, WIC staff will be providing One Call Now training for the local agencies. The intent of the training is to walk staff through any questions that pertain to the One Call Now feature, please submit any questions you may have. If you're no longer interested in participating in the feature, please contact the office. This is also an opportunity to solicit feedback, review and improve the appointment reminder scripts.

Meeting link: [WebEx Meeting](#)

Meeting number: 281 500 401

Meeting password: mtwic

For any feedback relative to your clinic, please contact Alex Long @ along@mt.gov or 406-444-4746.

Loving Support Award of Excellence Application Period is Now Open

USDA is excited to announce that their recognition program, the Loving Support Award of Excellence, was launched Friday, October 14th. The Loving Support Award of Excellence was developed to recognize and celebrate local WIC agencies that provide exemplary breastfeeding programs and support services. Local WIC agencies that have operated a peer counseling program for at least one year, which meets all of the required core components of the FNS [Loving Support© Model](#) for a successful peer counseling program are eligible to apply by going to the [FNS website](#). **The 2016 application period opens this Friday, October 14th and closes Wednesday, December 14th.** [The applications, instructions, and frequently asked questions are available to view and download starting October 14th.](#) A PDF slideshow is available for [technical assistance](#).

Reports Available

[Benefits Issued and Redeemed August 2016](#), [Breastfeeding and Peer Counselor Report September 2016](#), [Participation Report Oct 15-Sept 16](#)

March of Dimes

The March of Dimes is soliciting a Request for Proposal for the [Montana Community Grants Program](#). The community grant fund is approximately \$4000. It is anticipated that one to four projects will be funded, with grants ranging from \$1000 to \$4000 each.

Weekly Risk Code Highlight

[Risk Code 335](#). Multi-fetal Gestation is defined as more than one fetus in a current pregnancy (pregnant women) or the most recent pregnancy (breastfeeding and non-breastfeeding women).

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